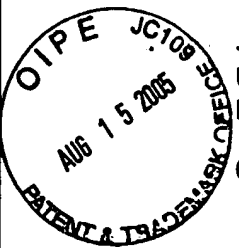


REMARKS

The Examiner alleges that the present Application essentially contains two distinct species of the claimed invention related as Group I, recited in Claims 1-17 and Group II, recited in Claims 18-22. As such, the Examiner is requiring the Applicants to elect a single invention from these two groups for examination. Specifically, the Examiner is requiring the Applicants, under 35 USC § 121 to elect between claims relating to the species recited in Group I, Claims 1-17 and claims relating to Group II, Claims 18-22. Responsively thereto, Applicants respectfully submit herein an election (without traverse) and the listing of the Claims above, beginning on page 2 of this paper. Claims 18-22 are cancelled herein.

ELECTION WITHOUT TRAVERSE BETWEEN SPECIES IN GROUPS I & II

Applicants respectfully elect, without traverse, the species recited in Group I, Claims 1-17, drawn to semiconductor memory devices.



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CONCLUSION


Applicants elect herein as described above in response to the instant restriction requirement.

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